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NIACTIMMEDIATE FOR AF DUTY OFFICER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: THREAT AGAINST PEACE CORPS

REF: STATE 229534

1. I REGRET DEPARTMENT'S ALARM OVER EKLO THREATS, WHICH I DO CONSIDER SERIOUS BUT NOT RPT NOT LIKELY HAVE IMMINENT IMPACT.

2. I ALSO REGRETT THAT ACTING PCD SENT MEMO ON EKLO TO PC AFRICA DIRECTOR BELL WITHOUT CLEARING IT WITH ME FIRST. I SPECIFICALLY ASKED THAT SHE SHOW ME HER MEMO IN DRAFT, AFTER WHICH I PROPOSED TO PREPARE AND SEND TO DEPT, IN SAME POUCH WITH HER REPORT, MY OWN REPORT. PCD ADMITS THIS, BUT SENT REPORT INADVERTENTLY WITHOUT OBTAINING MY CLEARANCE.

3. EKLO HAS INDEED REVEALED HIMSELF AS NASTY INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL DO HIS BEST TO HARM PEACE CORPS AND PROBABLY ENTIRE US EFFORT IN TOGO. IN THIS HE WILL FIND MUCH OPPOSITION IN GOT, SINCE PRESIDENT AND MANY MINISTERS KNOW AND SUPPORT PEACE CORPS.

4. RANZONI IS SURELY NOT REAL ISSUE. WE NOW HAVE INFORMATION THAT EKLO HAD ALREADY SOUGHT, UNSUCCESSFULLY, TO HARM PEACE CORPS AS EARLY AS LAST SPRING. RANZONI CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO

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REMAIN ON STAFF OR HE, NOT PCD, WILL BE RUNNING PEACE CORPS

TOGO.

5. FOR AF DUTY OFFICER: IF THIS MESSAGE IS RECEIVED ON
HOLIDAY, PLEASE INFORM DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SMITH BY
TELEPHONE. LETTER FROM ME WITH MY EVALUATION OF SITUATION WILL
FOLLOW, BUT CANNOT BE POUCHED UNTIL NEXT WEEK.
DICKINSON

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